GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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ETHANOL POLICY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the ethanol policy of the Government;

(b) whether the domestic production of ethanol is enough to suffice the requirement of the refineries;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is planning to promote the production of ethanol from sources other than sugarcane; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) Production of ethanol is delicensed and the units have to file Industrial Entrepreneurs Memorandum (IEM) with Secretariat for Industrial Assistance, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Efforts have been initiated to develop technologies for production of ethanol from ligno-cellulosic feedstock such as agricultural waste/residues including rice straw and sugarcane bagasse.